



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 285

LCO No. 257

Referred to Committee on Education

Introduced by:
(ED)

An Act Concerning Funding For Regional Educational Service Centers.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 10-66j of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 (a) The State Board of Education shall encourage the formation of a
4 state-wide system of regional educational service centers and shall
5 adopt regulations with respect to standards for review and approval of
6 regional education service centers in accordance with sections 10-66a
7 and 10-66h.

8 [(b) The board of a regional educational service center may annually
9 apply to the State Board of Education for and shall thereafter receive a
10 grant in the amount of eighty-five thousand dollars.

11 (c) If in any fiscal year, the funds appropriated for purposes of
12 sections 10-66a, 10-66c, 10-66f to 10-66i, inclusive, 10-66m and this
13 section exceed the amount necessary to provide grants in accordance
14 with subsection (b) of this section, the applicant board of a regional

15 educational service center shall receive an additional grant in an
 16 amount equal to the product obtained by multiplying the
 17 appropriation available for the purpose of this subsection by the ratio
 18 which the sum of state aid pursuant to section 10-262h for member
 19 boards of education of the center bears to the sum of such state aid for
 20 all such boards state-wide. Each regional educational service center
 21 shall annually expend any funds appropriated in excess of three
 22 hundred twenty-five thousand dollars under this subsection to assist
 23 local and regional boards of education in implementing the
 24 educational goals and objectives specifically identified by the State
 25 Board of Education.

26 (d) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1996, and for each fiscal year
 27 thereafter, each regional educational service center shall be entitled to
 28 a grant in the following amount:

T1	CREC	\$263,762
T2	EDUCATION CONNECTION	90,000
T3	CES	209,393
T4	ACES	219,292
T5	LEARN	81,623
T6	EASTCONN	299,161]
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30 (b) Each regional educational service center shall receive an annual
 31 grant equal to the sum of the following:

32 (1) An amount equal to fifty per cent of the total amount
 33 appropriated for purposes of this section divided by six;

34 (2) An amount equal to twenty-five per cent of such appropriation
 35 multiplied by the ratio of the number of its member boards of
 36 education to the total number of member boards of education to the
 37 total number of member boards of education statewide; and

38 (3) An amount equal to twenty-five per cent of such appropriation
 39 multiplied by the ration of the sum of state aid pursuant to section 10-

40 262h for all of its member boards of education to the total amount of
41 state aid pursuant to 10-262h state-wide.

42 (c) Each regional educational service center shall annually expend at
43 least six and one-quarter per cent of the amount received pursuant to
44 this section to assist local and regional boards of education
45 implementing the educational goals and objectives specifically
46 identified by the State Board of Education.

47 (d) Within the available appropriation, no regional educational
48 service center shall receive less aid pursuant to subsection (b) of this
49 section than it received for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1999.
50 Amounts determined for regional educational service centers pursuant
51 to subsection (b) of this section in excess of the amounts received for
52 the fiscal year ending June 30, 1999, shall be reduced proportionately
53 to implement such provision if necessary.

54 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2000.

Statement of Purpose:

To reformulate the allocation grant to regional educational service centers in order to provide greater equity.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]